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January 3, 1983

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Re: Reclamation Cost Estimates

Dear Mr. Tetting:

Enclosed are revised reclamation cost estimates on each of Atlas' twenty-one mines in Utah for which permit applications have been submitted. Although you have only requested these estimates for fifteen of Atlas' mines, we are submitting them for all of Atlas' mines in an attempt to keep all of the cost estimates consistent and bring them all up to date.

As we discussed in our telephone conversation on December 15, 1982, we are submitting these revised estimates on the Division's "old" Bond Estimate forms only, as we believe the "new" forms are duplicative and unnecessary. In Atlas' opinion, all of the necessary information is contained on these "old" forms and shown more concisely than could be achieved using the "new" forms.

Please note that no deductions have been made from these estimates for the salvage value of on-site equipment. If the total salvage value of all Atlas' mining equipment was subtracted from the total of these reclamation cost estimates, the result would probably be a negative number. Since the form of Atlas' surety is to be a Performance Contract, we don't feel it is necessary to include a salvage value deduction on these estimates at this time.

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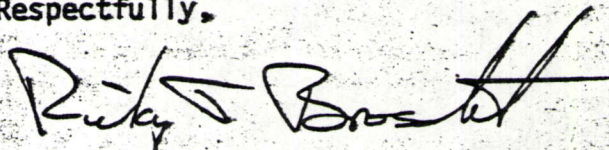
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In your letter of December 17, 1982 you state that the Division's estimate for plugging a borehole is \$3,000 each. Atlas disagrees with this estimate and you will note that we have used a figure of \$1,000 each in the enclosed cost-estimates. The contingency costs should cover any discrepancy.

As estimated on the enclosed forms, the total cost to reclaim all of Atlas' twenty-one mines is \$934,882. These mines disturb a total of 326.1 acres, consequently, we have estimated an average reclamation cost of \$2,867 per acre. In Atlas' opinion, this is a realistic and reasonable average cost /acre figure for this industry.

The information you've requested on the remaining mine reviews and reclamation commitment will be forthcoming. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



Ricky J. Broschat

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